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ALLESLEY PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Annual Council Meeting held on Monday, 16th May 2016 at 7.45 pm in the Bree Room, All Saints Church, Allesley

Present: Cllr L Swann

Chairman

Cllr T Burton Cllr Mrs V Parry Cllr I Farrar Cllr A Hobson Cllr B Shakespeare

The Clerk

Ward Cllr Birdi Ward Cllr Williams Mark Sullivan, CPRE

Representatives from: Fillongley, Corley and Keresley Parish Councils

Mrs M Davis

PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs Mandy Davis was present to request the Parish Council's support to the Woodland Trust free tree project which she briefly outlined.

Mark Sullivan, CPRE was present to talk about the Coventry draft Local Plan which included a high number of housing within the city boundary. He advised that he wished to request local groups to get together to make a joint approach to the Inspector and to make representation regarding the form of the proposed Examination. He stated that at Public Inquiries in the past, preliminary meetings had been held where all the main parties could participate. He was concerned that the Public Inquiry may be dealt with by questions being issued inviting written responses. He wished local objectors to write to the Inspector to request a Preliminary Meeting with the Inspector to establish and agree what the main issues are, and to raise issue on what work needed to be done on the population figures and proposed housing numbers and to discuss how the Examination should address these issues. He referred to the scale of development proposed and to the SHMA produced by G L Hearn.

Mr Sullivan advised that CPRE Warwickshire had lodged objections to Policies and text in the draft Local Plan as unsound, alongside those submitted by many other groups and individuals. The draft Local Plan was now being submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for 'Examination' under the procedures of the Planning Acts. He referred to recent Examinations of Warwick District Local Plan and the Stratford upon Avon Local Plan being called in without any Preliminary Meeting which prevented objectors raising what they consider the important issues are.

Members raised various questions which Mr Sullivan responded to. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council would consider the matter further during discussion on the agenda.

MINUTE 62/2016 – ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: that Cllr Swann be elected Chairman for the Civic Year 2016-2017.

MINUTE 63/2016 - CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Chairman signed his Declaration of Office witnessed by the Clerk.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Mrs Colledge. Cllr Shakespeare apologised for his absence at the previous meeting, due to having the wrong date in his diary.

MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR OTHER INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None received.

MINUTE 64/2016 – DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER

Cllr Shakespeare reported the death of former member Mrs Beryl Wagstaff and requested a letter of condolence be sent to her husband.

MINUTE 23/2016 - CO-OPTION

Members noted that no requests had been received for a bye election and the vacancy would be advertised.

MINUTE 65/2016 - TO ELECT VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: that Cllr Burton be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the Civic Year 2016-2017.

MINUTE 66/2016 - MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11th April 2016 were submitted as circulated and read.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11th April 2016 be approved and signed as a correct record.

MINUTE 67/2016 - ALLESLEY CHARITIES

Cllr Shakespeare indicated that he was happy to continue as the Parish Council's Representative for Allesley Charities.

RESOLVED: that Cllr Shakespeare be elected as the Council's Representative on Allesley Charities.

MINUTE 68/2016 - REVIEW OF AUTHORISED SIGNATORIES / BANK MANDATE FOR 2016/2017

a) Risk Schedule

Members considered and reviewed the Risk Schedule.

RESOLVED: that the Risk Schedule be approved as updated.

b) Authorised Signatories

Members considered the authorised signatories,

RESOLVED: that the following Councillors continue as signatories: Cllr Ms Smith, Cllr Burton, Cllr Shakespeare and Cllr Swann, any two Councillors to sign any payments, with change of name for Cllr Ms Smith to Cllr Mrs Parry.

MINUTE 52/2015 - NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN APPLICATION

Members noted that the Parish Council's initial application for a Neighbourhood Plan had been approved by the City Council.

MINUTE 28/2016 – PURCHASE OF BANNER

Cllr Hobson advised that he would arrange for a map of the parish to be reproduced, suitable for use at public meetings.

MINUTE 69/2016 - WALC - CORRESPONDENCE / LEGAL TOPIC NOTES/NOTIFICATION OF SEMINARS

Recent communications received from WALC had been emailed to members.

MINUTE 70/2016 - EXTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS - NOTICE OF INSPECTION

Members noted receipt of Notice of Audit of the parish council's accounts from the External Auditor and Notice of Appointment of Date for the Exercise of Electors' Rights. A copy of the Notice giving the period of inspection will be displayed on the Parish Council's noticeboard and website.

MINUTE 71/2016 - REGISTER OF PARISH COUNCILLOR'S DPI's

Members noted correspondence received from the City Council confirming that the register of interest forms for Allesley parish councillors have now been uploaded onto the City Council's website. Signatures had been redacted on the forms to reduce the risk of identity fraud. Members also noted that the City Council's Monitoring Officer would be delivering training sessions for all parish councillors in Coventry on the Code of Conduct and the registration and declaration of interests and other ethical matters. Members advised that it would be useful to know what timetable was proposed and if an evening meeting would be possible. The Clerk advised she would make enquiries.

MINUTE 72/2016 - CPRE - COVENTRY LOCAL PLAN - LIAISON BETWEEN COMMUNITY GROUPS

Cllr Farrar proposed the Parish Council agree in principle to a co-ordinated approach and asked if members were happy for the Parish Council to do a letter to Inspector.

Cllr Shakespeare advised that it has to be determined whether the Inspector will agree a co-ordinated approach. If the Inspector made a decision to consider the evidence submitted in the form of submissions, there was very little the Parish Council could do and the Parish Council needed to be clear as to how the Inspector proposes to conduct the Inquiry.

MINUTE 73/2016 - WOODLAND TRUST - FREE TREE PROJECT

Local resident Mrs Mandy Davies was present to request the Parish Council's support with regard to participating in the Free Tree Project. After last year's destruction of so many aged oaks in Oak Lane, she had decided to try and redress the problem to replant oaks and other local, native trees and shrubs in the Harvest Hill/Oak Lane area and to take advantage of the Woodland Trust scheme of free trees to local communities. Mrs Davis had outlined the scheme during Public Forum and her discussions with the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust who had agreed in principle to include part of the nature reserve and hedge line on Oak Lane, subject to her getting the landowners' consent. She advised that she proposed to arrange for volunteers to help with planting that maintenance was minimal and would be covered by a local group.

The Parish Council agreed to support the scheme in principle and subject to further information being provided with regard to proposed siting of trees. Members volunteered to assist with planting.

MINUTE 74/2016 - PLANNING MATTERS

a) Planning applications
 List week ending 8th April
 No applications

List week ending 15th April

Application Number: LDC/2016/0824 Clay Lane Farm Clay Lane

Proposal: Application for a lawful development certificate

RESOLVED: that the application be noted.

List week ending 22nd April

Application Number: DC/2016/1007 Pickford Grange Farm Pickford Grange Lane CV5 9AR Proposal: Submission of details to discharge conditons 3(i) mortar; (ii) insulaton; (iii) fenestraton; and (iv) rainwater goods imposed upon permission LB/2014/3636 for conversion to short stay

lettable accommodation

RESOLVED: that the application be noted

List week ending 29th April

Application Number: DC/2016/1005 Pickford Grange Farm Pickford Grange Lane CV5 9AR Discharge of Condition - Proposal: Submission of details to discharge conditions: 3 - landscaping; 6 - bat mitgaton measures; and 7 - drainage imposed upon planning permission FUL/2014/3624 for conversion to short term let accommodation

RESOLVED: that the application be noted.

Application Number: FUL/2016/0618 Spring Cottage Watery Lane CV7 8AJ

Proposal: Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of a detached dwelling, garage and stables

RESOLVED: that the application be noted

List week ending 6th May

Application Number: HH/2016/1128 140 Hawkes Mill Lane, Allesley

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension

Application not in parish.

MINUTE 75/2016 - CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE 2016/2017

RESOLVED: that the Chairman's Allowance for 2016/2017 be set at £50 in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972.

MINUTE 76/2016 - FINANCE

a) Income

Members noted receipt of grant received from WALC for office equipment to comply with the Transparency Code.

b) Payments

Zurich Municipal £251.85

Policy Renewal

Cllr L Swann £50.00

Chairman's Allowance

The Clerk's salary was approved under confidential terms.

RESOLVED: that the above payments be approved.

MINUTE 77/2016 - MEETING DATES FOR 2016

Members agreed meetings to be held on the following dates, subject to availability of the Hall and parking being available: 20th June, 18th July, 5th September, 10th October, 28th November 2016.

MINUTE 61/2015 - CLERK'S HOURS OF WORK AND PENSION IMPLICATIONS

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

MINUTE 7/2016 - WEBSITE HOSTING

Members considered a quotation for updating and maintaining the Parish Council's website.

RESOLVED: that the quotation provided by Matthew Southall dated 11th April to update and maintain the Parish Council's website be accepted.

MINUTE 78/2016 - COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

a) Local Council Review

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05 pm